Communications Intern Job Description

The Shoal Creek Conservancy (www.shoalcreekconservancy.org) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2013 with the mission to restore, protect, and enhance the ecological, social and cultural vibrancy of Shoal Creek for the people of Austin, Texas by engaging the public and partnering with the community. We accomplish this mission through activities that maintain and improve the Shoal Creek trail and greenway; enhance the public’s enjoyment of the Creek; and restore the watershed. Shoal Creek is the city’s oldest trail and extends for approximately four miles through the heart of Austin, Texas.

Description:
Shoal Creek Conservancy seeks an intern with strong writing skills, knowledge and understanding of communications strategies, the digital media landscape - including various social media channels- and graphic design. The intern will work closely with the Executive Director to develop and administer marketing and communications campaigns for the Conservancy. The position is available to undergraduate or graduate as well as recent graduates.

Responsibilities:
- Assist with the development and execution monthly social media campaigns
- Monitor and evaluate social media effectiveness
- Help maintain and update the Shoal Creek Conservancy website
- Research and develop ways to improve engagement and site traffic
- Assist with drafting the monthly e-newsletter to send to Shoal Creek supporters
- Promote fundraising events, volunteer opportunities, work days and programming and other events in coordination with the Volunteer Coordinator Intern and the Executive Director
- Assist with the development of marketing materials
- Work with the Executive Director to develop the Conservancy enterprise activities
- Improve the Conservancy’s list of local media contacts
- Draft media releases and organize media events as appropriate

Qualifications:
- Strong writing, editing and proofreading skills
- Experience with WordPress a plus
- Direct experience working with social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Graphic design experience and proficiency in InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Highly organized and able to manage multiple ongoing projects
- Enthusiasm for the Conservancy’s mission

Start Date: Open until filled. Requires a minimum semester/summer commitment.
Hours: Recommended at least 15 hours a week, preferably 2-3 times a week in the office
Stipend: $500 per semester/summer
To Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to info@shoalcreekconservancy.org. Thank you for your interest in the Conservancy.